

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer keyboard system comprising:

a base having a number pad and a biometric reader for reading a biometric characteristic of a user; and

a removable section having an alphanumeric key cluster and a wireless transmitter; the removable section being removably coupleable to the base wherein the removable section transmits a signal to a host computer via the base, and wherein the removable section includes a scrolling device.

2. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the removable section includes a cursor control device.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the base includes a wireless receiver, the wireless receiver being configured to receive wireless signals from the wireless transmitter of the removable section.

5. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 4, further including a wireless mouse configured to wirelessly communicate with the wireless receiver of the base.

6. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the biometric reader comprises a fingerprint reader configured to send a decoupling signal so as to decouple the removable from the base responsive to a fingerprint identification of a user.

7. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 1, in which the base includes a receiving portion adapted to substantially enclose the removable section therein.

8. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the removable section removable coupling comprises a media interface.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer keyboard system comprising:

a first keyboard housing including a processor therein for operating a number pad with a key cluster or a biometric reader for reading a biometric characteristic of a user; and

a second keyboard housing having an alphanumeric section; wherein said second keyboard housing is nestable within a receiving portion of the first keyboard housing and removably coupleable to the first keyboard housing such that when said first keyboard housing and second keyboard housing are coupled together, said first keyboard housing includes a processor operable to electrically charge to a mobile power source in the second keyboard housing, wherein the second keyboard housing includes a scrolling device.

10. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the second keyboard housing includes a cursor control device.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the first keyboard housing includes a wireless receiver and the second keyboard housing includes a wireless transmitter, the wireless receiver being configured to receive wireless signals from the wireless transmitter of the second keyboard housing.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 7, wherein the biometric device comprises a fingerprint reader system configured to send a signal to decouple the second keyboard housing from the first keyboard based on fingerprint identification of a user.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 7, wherein the second keyboard housing is configurable in an abutment relationship with the first keyboard housing.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer keyboard system in accordance with claim 7, wherein the second keyboard housing removable coupling comprises media interface configured to cooperate with the processor.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer keyboard configured for wireless communication with a computer, comprising:

a keyboard housing;

a keyboard processor configured to cooperate with a transmitter for wireless communication to a computer;

a fingerprint reader mounted to the keyboard housing; and

a removable alphanumeric section having a processor and a transmitter for wireless communication to the computer; the alphanumeric section including a group of alphanumeric keys being operatively connected to the processor, wherein the removable section includes a scrolling device.

17. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 16, wherein the removable section includes a cursor control device.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 16, wherein the housing includes a wireless receiver, the wireless receiver being configured to receive wireless signals from the wireless transmitter of the removable section.

20. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 16, wherein the fingerprint reader is configured to send a decoupling signal to the keyboard processor responsive to a fingerprint identification of a user.

21. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 16, in which the keyboard housing includes a receiving portion adapted to substantially enclose the removable alphanumeric section therein.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer keyboard configured for communication with a computer, comprising:

a keyboard housing;

a keyboard processor within the keyboard housing for communicating with the computer; and

a removable keyboard portion comprising:

an alphanumeric section including a group of alphanumeric keys being operatively connectable to the keyboard processor;

a transmitter for wireless communication; and

a biometric reader device configured for communicating with the keyboard processor; and
a scrolling device.

23. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 22, wherein the removable keyboard portion includes a cursor control device.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The computer keyboard in accordance with claim 22, further including a wireless mouse configured for wireless communication with the computer via the keyboard processor.